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RE: Case Number: 20-0117  
Court of Appeals Number: 03-18-00817-CV  
Trial Court Number: D-1-GN-17-005957

Style: ROBERT W. VAN BOVEN M.D., D.D.S.

v.

SCOTT FRESHOUR, MARGARET MCNEESE, TIMOTHY WEBB, AND SHERIF  
ZAAFRAN, M.D., AMY SWANHOLM AND CHRISTOPHER PALAZOLA, IN  
THEIR OFFICIAL CAPACITIES AS OFFICERS OF THE TEXAS MEDICAL BOARD

Dear Counsel:

The Supreme Court of Texas will be holding oral arguments in person in its courtroom in Austin, Texas. Courtroom capacity will be limited to thirty persons, excluding the Justices and designated staff. Counsel will be permitted to wear masks if they desire, but masks are not required to be worn by counsel or others.

The order that the cases will be called is listed on the submission schedule, which can be found on our submissions schedule page: [TJB | SC | Oral Arguments | Submission Schedules \(txcourts.gov\)](#). The submissions schedules are usually posted on Friday the week before the oral arguments.

Oral arguments begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. Each argument typically lasts about forty minutes, with a ten-minute break between each argument. Accordingly, the second argument usually begins at 9:50 a.m. and the third argument usually begins at 10:30 a.m. Please be in the courtroom at least ten minutes before your argument begins. There is a video monitor in the foyer outside the courtroom where you can see the progress of the oral arguments preceding your case.

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The State Law Library will be open to counsel who are waiting for their oral arguments to begin so that they do not have to wait in the courtroom.

Normally all counsel must check in with the marshal in the courtroom at 8:30 a.m. on the day of their argument. But we ask instead that you check in via an email sent to [claudia.jenks@txcourts.gov](mailto:claudia.jenks@txcourts.gov) no later than 3:00 p.m. the day before your oral argument. Only counsel arguing the case need to check in with us. Please include the following in your email:

- (1) Your name;
- (2) The case number;
- (3) The style of the case;
- (4) The party designation (petitioner, respondent, relator, real party, etc.)
- (5) If you are the petitioner or relator please indicate how much time you will reserve for rebuttal (five minutes is typical);
- (6) If you are sharing time with other counsel, please indicate how you intend to split your time.

Any oral argument exhibits must be e-filed no later than 3:00 p.m. the day before the oral argument. You must deliver eleven printed copies of the file-stamped exhibit to the clerk's office no later than 8:30 a.m. on the day of the argument.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Blake A. Hawthorne".

Blake A. Hawthorne, Clerk

by Claudia Jenks, Chief Deputy Clerk

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